MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know if he is a non-Christian, he will be paid an allowance for the charge of the Leper Asylum?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I have to repeat the same answer.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): I find from the answer if he is a Christian Doctor he is given an allowance. If a non-Christian is placed in that position, I want to know whether he will be given the same treatment?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): The situation has not arisen so far.

Accommodation in the V M. School Building, Mararikkulam.

45. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Mararikkulam new V. M. School is wanting in sufficient accommodation for the students studying therein;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have issued any orders for the extension of the present school building or for the construction of a new building; and

(*c*) if so, whether any steps have been taken in connection with that?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) Yes the Government sanctioned the construction of an additional building for the use of the school at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,850 and provided the necessary funds for the purpose during the year 1108. But owing to a mistake in the name of the school in the premises of which the building was to be erected, the work had to be deferred and the sanctioned fund utilised for other purposes.

The question of additional accommodation for the school can be taken up only after the future of the Vernacular Middle Schools, which is under investigation, is settled.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know whether any temporary arrangement has been made till the extension of the building is completed for the accommodation of the school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): A temporary shed was put up. But I am afraid, at this moment, it is in very good state of repairs and I cannot say that the present accommodation is anything like quite satisfactory or sufficient.

MR. K. R ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there were two schools of the same name?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The position was this. There were two schools of the same name, both Vernacular Primary Schools. The Education Department asked the P. W. Department to prepare an estimate for additional accommodation for one of the schools. The Public Works Department unfortunately, I do not know whether it was due to my department's fault or theirs

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prepared an estimate for a new building for the Shertala school. It was afterwards discovered that the necessity for accommodation referred to the Ambalapuzha school. At the time when it was discovered, money had lapsed. Subsequently, there was no money to attend to the work.

Pay of Drawing Masters.

46. ✻ **MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any difference in the scale of pay of the Drawing Masters in the Vernacular and the English Secondary Schools?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether there is any difference in the qualification of the Drawing Masters between an English School and Vernacular School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, there is a difference.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyatinkara II*): May I know what is the difference?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The difierence is that a Drawing Master in an English School must have a complete group certificate whereas in the Vernacular School, a Drawing Master requires only one certificate.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there is a separate eligibility for appointment of the Drawing Masters in an English School and a Vernacular School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have answered that an English School requires a different qualification from a Vernacular School.

Irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

47. ✻**MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk and

(*b*) the amount that has been spent towards the improvement of the irrigation tanks in the taluk since the inauguration of the new Irrigation Section of the P.W. D?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) 738.

(*b*) Rs. 4, 318.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know the number of tanks that were renderedcompletely useless in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): That is a new question.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In answer to part (*b*), may I know the number of tanks for which the amount was sanctioned?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I believe, three.

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